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1 Belgium said it faced a serious and imminent threat of a Paris-style attack, and kept Brussels on maximum alert on Monday as security forces searched for militants thought to be at large in the capital. Prime Minister Charles Michel said the capital's metro, universities and schools would be closed on Monday. REUTERS

FATAL LANDSLIDE

2 Nearly 100 bodies have been pulled from a landslide near a jade mine in Myanmar's northern Kachin State, local officials said on Sunday, and hopes are dwindling that any of an estimated 100 people missing will be found alive. The landslide happened when a mountain of mining debris gave way in the early hours of Saturday in Hpakant, an area that produces some of the world's highest-quality jade. The mines and debris dump sites are hazardous and deadly accidents are common. REUTERS

REPORTER SENTENCED

3 An Iranian court has sentenced Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian to a prison term, the state news agency said on Sunday quoting the judiciary spokesman, a case that is a sensitive issue in contentious U.S.-Iranian relations. The length of the prison term was not specified. REUTERS

PHILADELPHIA MARATHON

7 Philadelphia Marathon runners in action on Arch Street on Sunday.

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EAGLES FAN WINS $20K

4 During halftime of the Eagles-Buccaneers match-up Sunday, Sinking Spring native Tom Voelker successfully kicked a field goal from the 20-yard line, winning the Santander Field Goal Challenge. Voelker gets $10,000, and $10,000 will go to Brandywine Heights Middle School, which he selected as a nonprofit recipient, and is where he works as an administrator. METRO

MIDWEST EARLY SNOW

5 A heavy fall snowstorm hit the Midwest, blanketing states from South Dakota to Wisconsin with as much as 16 inches of snow, slowing air travel and delaying some events for U.S. presidential candidates. The storm was forecast to travel east into the Great Lakes region, reaching Michigan and upstate New York, according to the National Weather Service. It forecast widespread accumulations of 4 to 8 inches of snow. Forecasters warned that trees that had not already dropped their leaves could be damaged by the heavy, wet snow. REUTERS

FREE PET ADOPTIONS

6 Animal Care and Control Team of Philadelphia offered cost-free adoptions of all large dogs over the weekend after its shelter became full recently. About 32 dogs were adopted Saturday, and an untallied number on Sunday, freeing up room in the kennel. The shelter had to euthanize 22 dogs last Thursday. METRO

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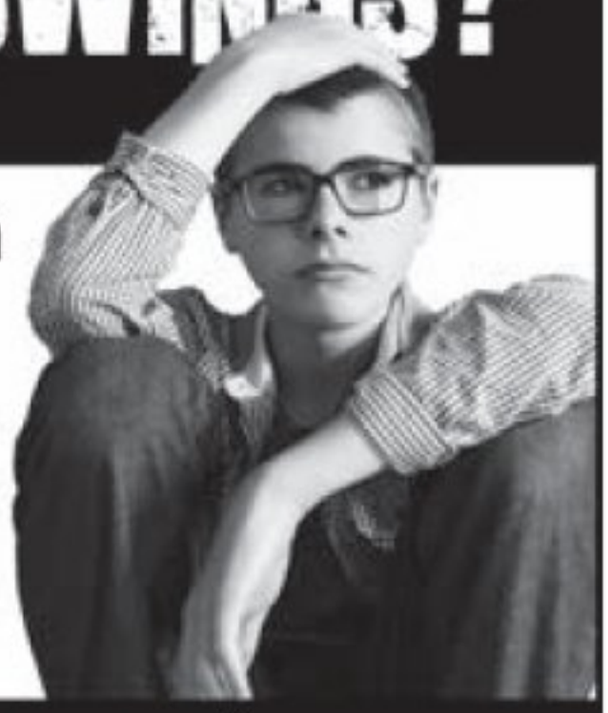

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For women in weed business, the sky is the limit

As marijuana laws change across the country, there's a group out there making sure women get a seat at the table.

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In an upstairs bar in Philadelphia's Headhouse Square neighborhood in early November, Stephanie Thomas stood in front of a group of roughly two dozen with a simple message.

"This industry is never going to be this small again," Thomas said.

She was talking about the marijuana industry. And in the state she was standing in, quite simply, there is no industry — at least no legal one.

But as legalization of marijuana moves across the country, Thomas is at the forefront of a movement that is trying to make sure women get in on the ground floor in what they are betting is a sure thing: legalization for recreational marijuana users in the not-too-distant future.

"Women are underrepresented in management positions in the majority of industries across the country," Thomas said. "But in this industry, the door is wide open for everyone."

With several states expected to allow medical marijuana or recreational marijuana in coming years, one industry observer, The Arcview Group, has predicted that the cannabis industry is expected to grow four-fold between 2015 and 2019, to $10.9 billion — a size that is roughly double the U.S vodka market.

Thomas is a co-chair of the Philadelphia chapter of Women Grow, a year-old organization focusing on women in weed that has sprouted 35 chapters across the country, including in Boston and New York.

They see opportunity not just in growing and distributing the plant itself, but in tools for wellness, tech startups, accounting, finance, real estate and accessories — all businesses that don't involve touching the plant.

"I've always loved cannabis," said Shanel Lindsay, the founder of Boston-based Ardent Cannabis, the maker of a machine called the Nova that uses heat to convert the main psychotropic compound in marijuana to an edible form.

Her product, she claimed, allows cannabis users who don't want to smoke the plant to make marijuana pills, and is superior to homemade methods because it improves consistency in the end product.

"About 10 years ago, I started using it as a medicine. I realized how different there was from using it recreationally. There was a science behind it," Lindsay said.

There are indications that women already play a significant role in the industry. One survey by Marijuana Business Daily found that 36 percent of cannabis company executives are women. The average for all U.S. businesses is about 22 percent, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

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business is mainstreaming this product," Lindsay said. "When these companies have a strong woman on their team, it's easy for her to take that leadership role."

Jane West, a founder of Women Grow, noted that the survey relied on voluntary responses of businesses, so the numbers may not be accurate as women find their footing in the industry.

"At my very first networking event, not only did I not know anyone there, I didn't know what they were talking about," West said.

"The industry is male dominated," said Melissa Meyer, a New York City-based founder of HealthMJ, a website that provides information about the use of marijuana to treat a range of illnesses. "That was true when it was in the black market ... but the women coming into the industry are particularly sophisticated. These are women with backgrounds in law, tech and finance." Meyer has a law degree from Georgetown, but doesn't practice.

Still, there's a stigma over the industry that may mask how many women are actually in the business.

People and companies who operate in the marijuana industry don't mention it on their LinkedIn pages, she said. And at a recent meeting of Women Grow, a representative of an accounting business seeking to provide services to the cannabis industry declined to be interviewed, in part because they didn't want to scare off conservative clients.

Despite those concerns, entrepreneurs are using networks like Women Grow to find capital they need to start businesses.

That is leading them to the door of Jessica Geran, director of corporate finance at Boston-based Dutchess Capital, one of the few financiers that has been active and open about their investments in the industry.

"The whole marijuana thing was a side project," Geren said. "It's [now] 75 percent of what we do on a daily basis."

Most of the investments are relatively small — in part because legal marijuana markets, medicinal and otherwise, are confined to the states in which they operate.

That has created room for everybody, including women.

"There's no established CEOs, no big-time guys in suits," Geran said. "It's just a matter of being the best."

"The women coming into the industry are particularly sophisticated."

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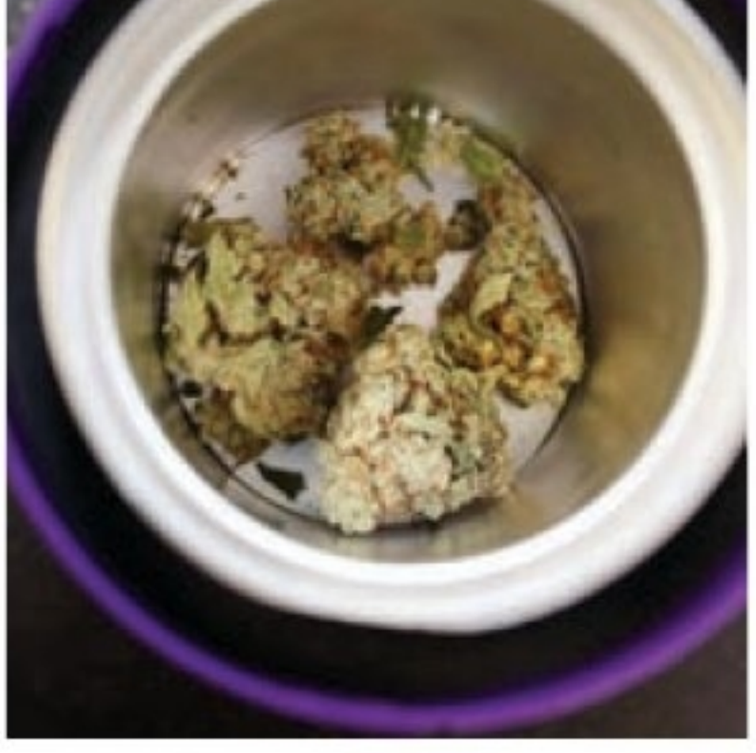

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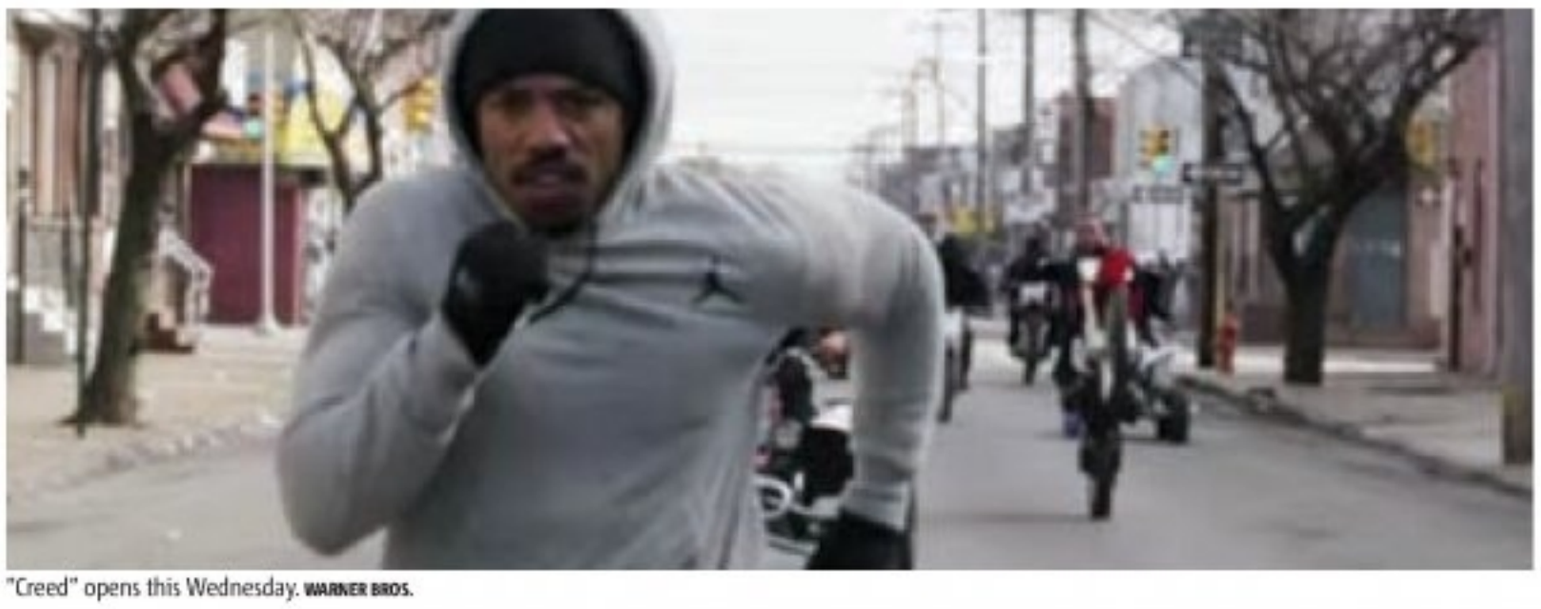

"Creed" opens this Wednesday. WARNER BROS.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD
POLICY DOCUMENTS AND LEASE

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) is requesting public comments and conducting a public hearing on the following policy and lease documents:

Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP) – PHA's admissions and continued occupancy policies for conventional and scattered site public housing are described in the ACOP. A copy of the proposed ACOP and a summary of changes from the current version are available for public review as noted below.

Lease Agreement – The Lease Agreement is an agreement entered into between PHA and the Head(s) of Household for each PHA public housing unit. A copy of the proposed Lease Agreement and a summary of changes from the current version are available for public review as noted below.

Community Service Rider – The Community Service Rider is a rider to the Lease Agreement. PHA proposes to modify the Community Service Rider. A copy of the proposed Community Service Rider is available for public review as noted below.

Housing Choice Voucher Program Administrative Plan (Administrative Plan) – PHA's policies related to administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program including admissions and continued occupancy policies are described in the Administrative Plan. A copy of the proposed Administrative Plan and a summary of changes from the current version are available for public review as noted below.

Copies of the above-listed documents are available for public review on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at:

Public Housing Management Offices:
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Housing Choice Voucher Program Office:
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PHA residents, Housing Choice Voucher participants and the general public may provide oral comments on any of the above matters by attending the public hearing described below and/or by submitting written comments during the comment period. A public hearing will be conducted at the following time and location:

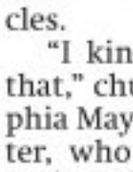
Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 11:00 am
12 South 23rd Street, 6th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

The comment period begins on December 17, 2015 and ends on January 15, 2016 at 12 noon. Comments on any or all of the above matters must be received by the end of the comment period. Please send written comments to: Philadelphia Housing Authority, Policy Research and Enterprise Planning Office Attention: Policy Documents and Lease Comments 12 South 23rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

The public hearing is being held in an accessible location. If you require assistance, sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please call 215-684-4000. Please use the AT&T Relay Service for TTY

Dirt bikes in 'Rocky' update made Nutter wince

Dirtbikes play a prominent role in "Creed," the new "Rocky" spin-off.



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In the famous training montage of the 1979 film "Rocky II," Sylvester Stallone's character runs through Philadelphia, followed by a mob of kids cheering him on.

The running scenes have become a staple of the franchise, a set of films that has become a kind of reflection on life in Philadelphia.

Fast-forward to 2015, and the seventh installment of the "Rocky" saga. Rocky's protege — the son of Apollo Creed — does his own run through the city.

Only this time, the kids following him aren't on foot.

They are on dirt bikes, quads and four-wheel all-terrain vehicles.

"I kind of winced at that," chuckled Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, who has seen, and praises the movie. "First of all, it's illegal, and not something we want to promote."

Authorities in Philadelphia have struggled for years to curb the use of wheelie-popping dirt-bike riders on city streets, amid complaints from residents that the machines are loud, the riders frequently don't wear helmets and they treat traffic laws as part of a system in which breaking the rules racks up more points.

"There are some challenges," said Lt. John Stanford. "You have guys on these bikes running in and out of traffic. It becomes a very hazardous situation for motorists and the pedestrians."

Stanford said police are caught in a tough spot on the dirt bikes. Chasing them can make the riders even more dangerous.

Police have — in response to residents' complaints — launched a few crackdowns. They've seized 158 bikes from riders this year, Stanford said.

"A lot of guys riding these bikes are talented," Stanford said. "It's just that these talents aren't made for city streets."

In the film, the bikes are introduced as Rocky takes Creed, played by Michael B. Jordan, to a new training gym.

> *"I kind of winced at that."*
> Nutter

A couple of riders cruise past, prompting Creed to ask what's up.

"It's a Philly thing," Rocky replies — and he praises the riders' skills.

Tell that to Nutter.

"It's not something we are trying to promote as a Philly thing," he said.

A quick review of YouTube videos reveals that Nutter's right. Riders in other cities love these things. (We're looking at you, Baltimore.)

A Warner Bros. rep declined to make anyone available for this story, saying they didn't want to get into a debate about helmet laws.

Terry Bevivino, a 36-year-old Warrington resident who caught an advance screening of the movie, said the dirt bikes were a good addition.

"If you live in the city, they're always out there," he said.

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Car split in half in fatal crash on Roosevelt Boulevard
A three-car crash Saturday night left a 19-year-old victim dead and another male in critical condition.

The crash occurred around 10:21 p.m. on Roosevelt Boulevard near the intersection of Woodward Street in the Rhawnhurst area.

The 19-year-old driver, who has not been identified, was reportedly behind the wheel of a 2002 Nissan driving south at a "high rate of speed," according to police, when he lost control of the vehicle and hit a nearby 2003 Toyota.

The Nissan then hit a traffic light and hit a third car, a 2015 Acura, which was stopped in the left-turn lane.

Reports said the Nissan ended up hitting a utility pole, splitting the car in half.

The 19-year-old driver was then ejected from his vehicle and landed 50 feet south of the accident scene. He was pronounced dead at 10:35 p.m.

The driver of the Toyota was brought to Aria-Torresdale Hospital with fractured ribs and contusions to his lungs and was listed in critical condition.

No other injuries, including to the driver of the Acura, were reported.

Delaware man charged with impersonating cop
Abdula Ward, 34, was charged with impersonating a police officer after he was found to have numerous law enforcement items in his car during a traffic stop, New Castle County police announced Sunday.

Ward was wearing a shirt that said "POLICE," had a handheld radio, handcuffs, a loaded gun and other law enforcement equipment, police said. METRO

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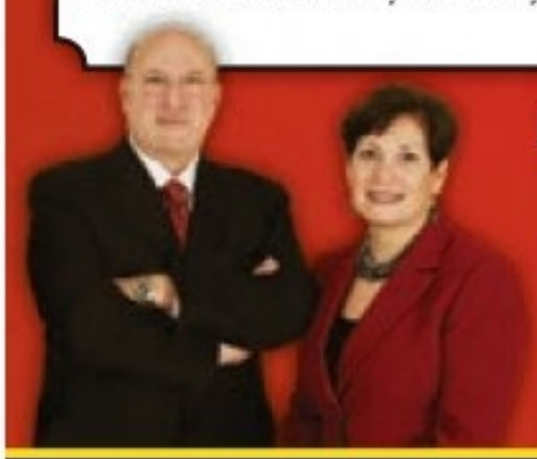

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Jacob Marberger PROVIDED

Cheltenham student found dead

Local student whose conduct sparked closure at Maryland campus found dead.

A student whose disappearance with a gun caused the precautionary closing of a Maryland college on Monday was found dead in Pennsylvania on Saturday, state police said.

Jacob Marberger, 19, from Cheltenham, was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound at a picnic area of the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary near Hamburg in eastern Pennsylvania, according to a statement by Pennsylvania State Police.

It is not yet known how long his body was in that location.

Marberger was a sophomore at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. The college has canceled classes since Monday on the advice of law enforcement after Marberger's parents said he went home to Pennsylvania and retrieved a firearm.

The parents were unable to reach him and did not know where he was going, so they notified the college, the college said on Twitter at the time.

The college posted a statement on its website on Saturday mourning the loss of Marberger.

"This is a terrible blow to our community, and the outpouring of compassion and support we have shown each other will help us through this difficult time," the statement said. "We need to continue to be supportive of each other as we mourn individually and as a community."

Marberger previously was suspended from the school for two weeks after he displayed an antique pistol at a party while intoxicated, reports said.

NBC reported that that incident followed intense bullying of Marberger in retaliation for his reporting of two fellow members of student government for making sexual comments about a female student.

After being evaluated by a psychologist, Marbgerger was kicked out of his fraternity, his dormitory, and resigned his role as speaker of the student Senate.

He was facing potential criminal charges for the pistol incident as well as expulsion from college before departing for his home and getting a rifle, which his parents reported to the college, leading to the weeklong closure of the campus.

Washington College has about 1,450 undergraduate students and is located about 80 miles southeast of Philadelphia. REUTERS

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Authorities missed many 'red flags' before the Paris terror attacks

The attacks killed 130 people at various locations, including the Bataclan concert hall where 89 concert-goers were gunned down or blown up.

There were multiple chances to stop the men who attacked Paris.

In January, Turkish authorities detained one of the suicide bombers at Turkey's border and deported him to Belgium. Brahim Abdeslam, Turkish authorities told Belgian police at the time, had been "radicalized" and was suspected of wanting to join Islamic State in Syria, a Turkish security source told Reuters.

Yet during questioning in Belgium, Abdeslam denied any involvement with militants and was set free. So was his brother Salah – a decision that Belgian authorities said was based on scant evidence that either man had terrorist intentions.

On Nov. 13, Abdeslam blew himself up at Le Comptoir Voltaire bar in Paris, killing himself and wounding one other. Salah is also a suspect in the attacks, claimed by the Islamic State, and is now on the run.

In France, an "S" (State Security) file for people suspected of being a threat to national security had been issued on Ismail Omar Mostefai, who would detonate his explosive vest inside Paris' Bataclan concert hall. Mostefai, a Frenchman of Algerian descent, was placed on the list in 2010, French police sources said.

Turkish police also considered him a terror suspect with links to Islamic State. Ankara wrote to Paris about him in December 2014 and in June this year, a senior Turkish government official said. The warning went unheeded. Paris answered last week, after the attacks.

A French gendarme enforcing the Vigipirate plan in Paris, France. GETTY IMAGES

A fourth attacker missed at least four weekly check-ins with French police in 2013, before authorities issued an arrest warrant for him. By that time he had left the country.

On any one of these occasions, police, intelligence and security services had an opportunity to detain at least some of the men who launched the attacks.

That they did not, helps explain how a group of Islamist militants was able to organize even as they moved freely among countries within the open borders of Europe's passport-free Schengen area and beyond.

Taken one by one, each misstep has its own explanation, security services said. They attribute the lapses in communication, inability to keep track of suspected militants and failure to act on intelligence, to a lack of resources in some countries and a surge in the number of would-be jihadis.

But a close examination by Reuters of a series of missed red flags and miscommunications culminating in France's biggest atrocity since World War II puts on stark display the mounting difficulties faced by anti-terrorism units across Europe and their future ability to keep the continent safe. REUTERS

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Sources: Pfizer set to buy Allergan for more than $150 billion

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Pfizer Inc. was due to secure formal board approval on Sunday for its acquisition of Botox maker Allergan Plc for more than $150 billion, making it the healthcare sector's largest deal ever, according to people familiar with the matter.

The agreement is set to draw political ire in a U.S. presidential election year for Pfizer's decision to use the transaction to redomicile in Ireland, where Allergan is registered, in a so-called "inversion," thereby reducing its corporate tax rate.

It will also reignite debate in the pharmaceutical industry over the role of research and development, with Allergan Chief Executive Brent Saunders, a prolific dealmaker and a skeptic of in-house drug discovery, joining the combined company in a position to influence its strategy.

The deal would involve Pfizer paying with 11.3 of its shares for each Allergan share, the people said. There will also be a small cash component, accounting for less than 10 percent of the value of the deal, the people said.

Pfizer's Chief Executive Ian Read, aged 62, will be CEO of the combined company, with Allergan's CEO Brent Saunders, 45, serving in a very senior role focused on operations and the integration, the people added.

Saunders will also have a seat on the combined company's board, one of the people said.

The sources asked not to be identified because the terms of the deal are not yet public. Pfizer and Allergan declined to comment.

Widely used Pfizer drugs such as Lipitor, Viagra and nerve pain treatment Lyrica would be brought together with Allergan's Botox, Namenda memory loss treatment, Restasis dry eye medication and other leading eye-care brands.

It would be the biggest merger of the year, topping beer maker Anheuser-Busch InBev's proposed $107 billion takeover of SABMiller Plc. And it would realize Read's longtime ambition of an "inversion" deal that would get Pfizer out from under the 35 percent U.S. corporate tax rate, among the world's highest. The tax rate in Ireland is 12.5 percent.

The U.S. Treasury last year, and again last week, updated its rules on inversions to make it harder for companies to avoid U.S taxes by moving overseas. But experts have said these moves would do little to prevent Pfizer from inverting. REUTERS

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Southwest Airlines plane diverted to Missouri over 'suspicious' behavior: FBI

A Southwest Airlines flight from Indianapolis to Los Angeles was diverted to Kansas City and searched on Sunday after the crew reported suspicious behavior by some passengers, the FBI said.

"The flight crew diverted the flight to Kansas City out of an abundance of caution based upon suspicious behavior displayed by several passengers," FBI spokeswoman Bridget Patton in Kansas City said in a statement.

All passengers were taken off the plane and those in question were interviewed by law enforcement, Patton said. They were later rebooked to continue on a different flight, she said.

Asked what constituted suspicious behavior, Patton replied in an email that the passengers were "unruly."

Southwest said in a statement that the crew decided to divert the flight "in response to several passengers who did not follow crew instruction upon takeoff and continued to exhibit suspicious behavior in flight."

Security officials worldwide have been on high alert since Islamic State militants claimed responsibility for attacks last week in Paris that killed 130 people.

Russia has said the group was also responsible for the downing on Oct. 31 of a plane returning to St. Petersburg from the Sharm al-Sheikh resort in Egypt, killing all 224 on board.

Southwest Airlines GETTY IMAGES

After passengers left the plane, authorities swept the aircraft with a K-9 dog unit, Patton said. The plane, which landed in Kansas City at 7:50 a.m. CT, was reboarded and it departed at 9:20 a.m. CT for Los Angeles, she said.

It was not immediately clear how many passengers were on board the flight.

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Singapore Airlines flight from U.S. lands safely amid bomb threat

Singapore Airlines said on Sunday there was a bomb threat to one of its flights which originated from San Francisco and landed safely at Singapore's Changi Airport on Sunday.

The airline, in a statement, did not provide any details of how the threat came to light or what action was taken to ensure the flight's safety. It said the matter had been referred to the authorities.

"We regret we are unable to provide details as it concerns security," the airline statement said.

Flight SQ001 landed safely at about noon Singapore time (0400 GMT), but disembarkation was delayed until around 1.30 p.m., state-owned Channel NewsAsia reported.

Singapore police said in a statement they had conducted security checks and nothing suspicious was found on the plane or among its passengers.

The incident came as a Turkish Airlines flight bound for Turkey from New York was diverted to Halifax, Canada, after a bomb threat, Canadian police said on Sunday. REUTERS

No bomb found on Turkish Airlines plane diverted to Canada, resumes journey

No explosives were found on a Turkish Airlines flight diverted to Halifax, Canada, after a bomb threat and the plane was cleared to continue its journey, Canadian police and the airline said on Sunday.

The flight, originally bound for Istanbul from New York, has now safely departed, Halifax Stanfield International Airport said on Twitter.

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The Turkish Airlines plane had been diverted after a threat was received at 10:50 p.m. ET on Saturday evening, the Nova Scotia branch of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said on Twitter. The plane landed safely and police said they searched it using dogs.

"The investigation into the threat is ongoing," the RCMP tweeted. REUTERS

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Sofia Vergara and Joe Manganiello tie the knot

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After a year of what feels like an unprecedented number of celebrity divorces, finally some news from the other end of the relationship spectrum: Sofia Vergara and Joe Manganiello have gone and done what they've been threatening to do all year — get married. The very tall, very attractive couple tied the knot at the Breakers Palm Beach Resort in Florida Sunday afternoon following a lavish weekend of festivities, according to CNN. Vergara and Manganiello got engaged almost a year ago in December after six months of dating, so this is some impressive swiftness.

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Justin Bieber re-romances Selena Gomez

Just when she thought she was out, he pulls her back in. Justin Bieber was spotted out at the bar at the Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills this weekend with none other than ex-girlfriend Selena Gomez — who just wrapped up an extended press tour filled with interviews about how she's finally moving on from their tumultuous relationship. But perhaps talking about it so much got her back into the idea. Or maybe it's Bieber's seduction techniques: An eyewitness spotted Bieber serenading Gomez with "My Girl" at their table — and shared video on Instagram. Ew, gross. Also, why was there a piano player and a mic at the ready for his impromptu performance? One more thing: Now Bieber has ruined "My Girl" for me — both the song and the Anna Chlumsky movie. Sheesh.

Kylie Jenner maybe dumped Tyga

The Kardashian J.V. locker room was abuzz this weekend with news that Kylie Jenner dumped Tyga on his 26th birthday. It all apparently went down because of "something Tyga did," according to E! News. "They are on a break," a source says. "Kylie wants time to just be herself and do her." But! Days later Jenner Snapchatted a pic of their legs along with, "Everyone needs to chill." And you know nothing speaks louder than super-vague Snapchats.

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Chiwetel Ejiofor takes on playing an FBI agent at two different points in his life.

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Julia Roberts and Chiwetel Ejiofor are on the hunt for a killer in "Secret in Their Eyes." KAREN BALLARD

For "Secret in Their Eyes," Chiwetel Ejiofor teams up with Nicole Kidman and Julia Roberts and takes on a unique acting challenge: playing the same character — an antiterrorism agent searching for a killer — during two distinct periods of his life, 13 years apart. While a little gray in the temples certainly helped, Ejiofor found some other unique ways to distinguish the two versions of himself.

What was it about this character that really interested you?

I liked the idea of dealing with this character in two different time periods, thereby being able to reflect and engage with the obsessional qualities that he has. I'm sure it's a part of his character anyway, but these circumstances that he's in highlight his propensity to become obsessed.

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Did you do any work for yourself as far as what his life was like in between?

Building a background for him and what his life was — his romantic life and his professional life — and just sort of filling in the gaps of that was really helpful. But the main event for him is that there's like a sound that he can't get rid of. I thought of it as almost literal, almost kind of a ringing sound that he could never escape. He has the knowledge that the only way he'll ever get past or get through it is by finding the guy who did the [crime]. So the main thing for him in that time is that he cannot break free of this obsession, this need.

If you're imagining an actual ringing in your ears, does that drive you crazy by the end of the shoot?

[Laughs] It's obviously metaphorical, but there's definitely a sense of that with him. And that's why I think when he starts to confront the guy, it just takes on its own quality.

Did you watch the original Argentinean film before the shoot?

No, I didn't see it beforehand. I've seen it since. I felt like it was going to be interesting to me to be able to take a look at it afterward. What I always suspected was that the films would be very different because an American version of an Argentinean film, I think, just sort of culturally comes from a different place and would therefore go down a totally different avenue. And I think that's true of the films, that they become cousins in a way. They're not directly related. They follow some of the same narrative principles, but the characters exist in totally different universes.

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Jonathan Levine says Christmas is for everyone

The director of "50/50" and "The Night Before" talks about the joys of communal experiences.

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The last time director Jonathan Levine made a movie with Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Seth Rogen, it was "50/50," a dramedy about cancer. "The Night Before" is more lighthearted — sort of. It follows three friends (Anthony Mackie is the new addition) doing their annual tradition of having a sloppy night in NYC on Christmas Eve. But this time the characters played by Rogen and Mackie feel they're too settled down to ever do it again, to the chagrin of the single/broke Gordon-Levitt. It's that anxiety that made Levine — who also made "The Wackness" and "Warm Bodies" — comfortable doing his first full-on comedy.

This is your second film with Seth Rogen, after "50/50." How did you two first meet?

On "50/50," there was another filmmaker who dropped out a couple months before. I was one of five people up for the gig. For whatever reason, they liked me. I think it was because I made "The Wackness" and they thought I would smoke weed with them. [Laughs] But it was also because I spoke relatively intelligently about the material.

I've read you two have helped each other out on projects — that Rogen helped look at "Warm Bodies" and you looked at "This Is the End."

Yeah, but it wasn't in any specific way.

"The Night Before" features a scene where our drunken and/or drugged-up heroes recreate a version of the FAO Schwarz giant piano scene from "Big." COLUMBIA PICTURES

Seth and Evan continuously have people come in and look at their stuff. If I'm looking at "This Is the End," I'm one of 50 people who are looking at it. On "Warm Bodies" I definitely used that. The first time was on "50/50," where we thought we needed to have smart people look at it and tell us what's good and what's bad. Seth was one of those people. It's a culture of rigorous note-giving and improving the work.

How conscious were you of playing with holiday movie conventions?

I imagined it as a Christmas movie for people who didn't celebrate traditional Christmases, whether because you're Jewish or from another non-Christian religion or your parents are divorced or you hate your parents.

Miss you, old FAO Schwarz

There's a scene where your heroes go to a department store and jump around on a giant piano, a la Tom Hanks and Robert Loggia in "Big." The store isn't identified, but it's implied it's FAO Schwarz, which has since closed its original location off Central Park. You didn't actually shoot there before it shuttered, did you?

No, we didn't. I think technically we're not even allowed to call it FAO Schwarz. They weren't comfortable with some of the scenes in our film, so they didn't approve us. But by the way, the piano wasn't even there last year. It was some tiny version of it that would have killed the joke for us. We found a dude who had a piano and I bought it on an auction. We just built it on the set. But now [FAO Schwarz] is gone. That's a lot of what the movie's about. There you go, brought it back around.

There are lot of people who feel left out of the traditional Christmas. I would go out in New York and do stuff like this on Christmas Eve. There were a lot of Christian people, there were a lot of Jews. It was all people who had a reason for not celebrating the traditional Christmas. It's nice because Christmas is an oppressive, monolithic thing. I've always loved it, but I didn't think it was quite for me.

Christmas has been slowly moving away from being a strictly religious holiday. It's become more open and accepting.

Which I think is really awesome. I love communal experiences in general, and any communal experience that's about being kind to your fellow man and celebrating and being festive, I'm going to be on board with that. I love the music and I love the movies. I just happen to not be of the religion that's being celebrated.

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Inside the mind of the artist

The works of African-American painter Norman Lewis don't fit into any category.

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The artist, far right, moved through a wide range of styles in his work, apparent in pieces such as "The Wanderer (Johnny)," left, from 1933; "Meeting Place," bottom center, from 1941; and "Musicians," from 1945. ESTATE OF NORMAN W. LEWIS, COURTESY OF MICHAEL ROSENFELD; ARTIST PHOTO COURTESY OF WILLARD GALLERY ARCHIVES

Curator Ruth Fine began her tour of PAFA's exhibition of Norman Lewis' work not by explaining who the artist was, but by pointing out all the things he wasn't: "Lewis is called a social realist, he's called an abstract expressionist, but I don't think he was ever either of those," Fine said.

"Part of what makes Lewis so complicated is that you can't lock him into any one thing," she continued later. "When people have tried, that one thing only takes you so far."

Walking through "Procession: The Art of Norman Lewis," it's easy to see why Fine and others have had such a difficult time pinning Lewis down. Lewis was an artistic omnivore and an intellectual polymath, fascinated and influenced by a variety of styles, traditions and ideas. As Fine pointed out in reference to his wide-ranging library, items from which are included in the show, "There wasn't anything he wasn't interested in."

Inspired by jazz

Visitors can see Lewis' mind at work in the first gallery, labeled "In the City." Covering his earliest and most figurative pieces, the room also features his meticulous drawings of African art from a Museum of Modern Art exhibition that he saw in the 1930s, and a painting that echoes a very similar piece by Kandinsky and presages his own shift into abstraction in the '40s.

Lewis drew inspiration from jazz, and his paintings from that decade capture the frenetic momentum and sharp angles of the flourishing bebop sound. But he also created abstractions from nature and intricately sketched colorful pieces inspired by Caribbean-American parades, Chinese calligraphy and African art.

The Civil Rights movement

The final gallery in the exhibit is partially given over to political works inspired by the Civil Rights movement. An African-American artist, Lewis responded to the country's violent oppression throughout his career, but these large works, most in stark black and white and hauntingly suggestive of the white hoods of the KKK, represent his most striking confrontation of those issues.

Race played into the fact that Lewis has not been better known since his death in 1979, Fine said, but circled back again to his elusiveness. "Part of the issue is that he was a black artist and there was prejudice in the country, but I think he was just too hard for people to figure out. I don't think I've figured him out. He's tough and he's wonderful and he's diverse, and each thing feeds the other."

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Bridges of Understanding wants to narrow that gap. The nonprofit organization is bringing American high school and middle school students together with their peers in the Arab world through videoconferences and cross-cultural exchanges.

"As regions, we've been a constant presence in each other's lives but in this way that's been purely rooted in war and unrest," says Executive Director Faisal Al-Juburi. "But once these kids start reading about each other and having conversations, they're like, 'You know, at the end of the day, we're all going to school and trying to do right by ourselves and our friends — and we all listen to Taylor Swift.'"

How it works: Bridges of Understanding pairs a classroom in the U.S. with one from, say, Egypt or Palestine. (There are 50 participating schools from around the world.) Each classroom gets a world history primer before exploring issues such as media bias, global citizenship and human rights. The two schools then participate in an hour-long videoconference.

Al-Juburi says that many students go on to study international relations or global affairs once in college.

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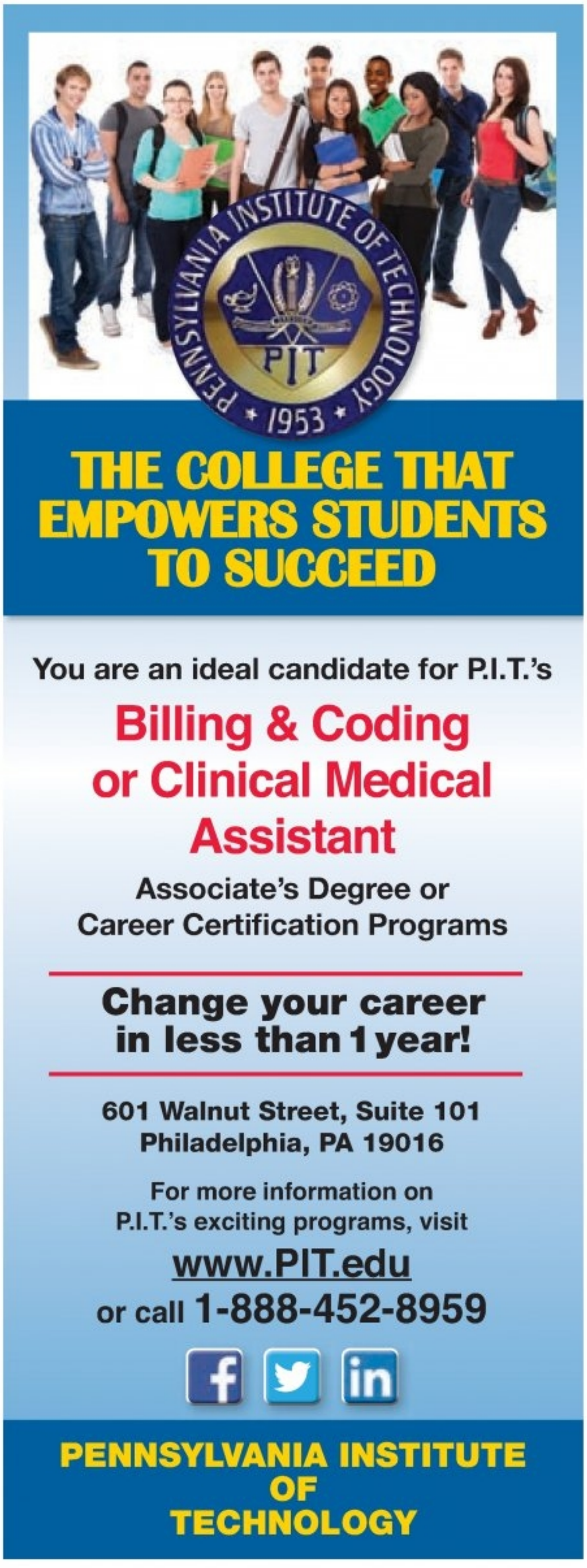
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How to transform your liberal arts degree into a job

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The economy may look bleak for millennials, but there are plenty of companies looking to hire entry-level candidates.

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Though the economy is in much better shape than it was at the end of 2008, it's still hard to get a job — particularly if you're young.

But there are still opportunities out there, says Bob LaBombard, CEO of GradStaff, which recruits college students for companies across the U.S. "Every year we interview 4,000 to 5,000 candidates, and about 70 percent say they don't know where their education or skills fit in the workforce," he says.

In other words, they don't know what jobs to apply for — or even where to look for them.

So, how can students turn their bachelor's degree into a job? LaBombard gives us his tips.

Don't let your major define you

It can be hard figuring out what to do with a psychology degree, which is why LaBombard stresses focusing on your skills rather than your major. "When we're interviewing candidates, we ask them about things like critical thinking, time management, leadership, communication skills, emotional maturity," he says. "Don't just think about educational endeavors, but about all the activities you've participated in — sports or theater, writing for the college newspaper, doing volunteer work, your part-time jobs — and think about what people would compliment you on in those situations."

By the numbers

According to a Newsweek article, millennials make up 40 percent of the unemployed in the U.S. And having a college degree is often not enough: A study by the Economic Policy Institute found the unemployment rate among recent college graduates (ages 21-24) is 7.2 percent, compared with 5.5 percent in 2007. The underemployment rate is 14.9 percent, compared with 9.6 percent in 2007. Plus, 70 percent to 80 percent of graduating seniors are leaving college without a job.

Network

Networking is a good way to pinpoint potential careers that may interest you — and it can land you a position. "Most entry-level jobs are not advertised," says LaBombard. "Almost all of them are filled through referrals."

But networking doesn't have to feel icky. LaBombard suggests going through your college's list of alumni and reaching out to set up informational interviews "so you can learn about the real scoop on a particularly industry or career track." You can even reach out to former high school teachers or the parents of your friends to learn more about what they do.

"Most young people coming out of college have great networks. They just don't think about how to use that information appropriately."

Start early

Looking for a job can often be the last thing on a college senior's mind — what with exams, extracurriculars and enjoying your last few months with your friends. But LaBombard says it's important not to procrastinate. "You may have to sacrifice a few things here and there, but spending even just three hours a week on your job search during your senior year is really critical."

Bucs run wild on Birds

The Eagles lost ground in the NFC, and lost a lot of respect in their thorough pulverization in Week 11.

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DeMarco Murray had 13 rushes for 64 yards Sunday, a respectable 4.9 yards per carry average. GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles looked like wounded birds Sunday afternoon.

Looking to become a factor in the hunt for the playoffs, all Philadelphia needed was a win against the young and inexperienced Buccaneers.

Instead, a 45-17 setback and 4-6 record was a fitting reward for a futile and disoriented defense paired with an inconsistent and bland-looking offense.

The Eagles allowed 523 total yards from Tampa, a team in the bottom third in offense heading into the game.

They also lost Zach Ertz to a concussion and relented on 10-of-16 third-down opportunities to Jameis Winston and the Bucs.

Here are just three of the reasons Eagles fans were booing the home team at Lincoln Financial Field:

1 No defense, none at all

Twice in the early going the Eagles relented long scoring marches to Winston and the Bucs resulting in touchdown passes to Vincent Jackson and Mike Evans respectively.

The Birds looked futile against the screen game and vulnerable to the Buccaneers' big wideouts.

In all, Philly had its absolute worst showing defensively all season with penalties and miscues being the only consistencies Sunday.

2 Self-inflicted wounds

Late in the first quarter, a costly Brandon Graham offsides penalty gave the Bucs a second try on third down, and gave Doug Martin a 58-yard run on a toss play. Instead of forcing a punt, the Graham blunder gave Tampa Bay a touchdown two plays later (an epic sideline overhead grab by Evans).

Another big setback of the Eagles own doing came with second left in the second quarter, with the Eagles in field goal range and looking to pick off some of Tampa Bay's lead before halftime, Sanchez followed a near interception with an actual one (the first of three), ending any hopes of quick points before the break.

The Eagles hurt themselves again in the third with 12 men on the field in the midst of a Tampa Bay touchdown march right out of the locker room which would eventually lead to a converted third and long to keep the Bucs in possession.

3 Hamster attack

The Eagles surrendered 283 rushing yards Sunday and couldn't find a way to stop Tampa Bay's starting running back Doug Martin.

The tailback fired off runs of 58 and 84 yards to set up a pair of Bucs touchdowns. In all, Martin had 235 yards on 27 carries, and his backup Charles Sims also contributed, compiling 43 yards of his own.

The Bucs dominated in time of possession 35:54 to 24:06 (though it was actually much worse before the Eagles ran quite a few garbage-time plays at the end of the game).

The Birds travel to Detroit for a Thanksgiving matchup against the suddenly hot Lions Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

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Birds thankful for Thanksgiving game after worst loss of season

The Eagles couldn't be happier about the quick turnaround this week, with their Week 12 game coming Thursday.

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The Eagles run defense was atrocious Sunday, allowing nearly 300 yards. GETTY IMAGES

"We've got to go to Detroit, we have to win on Thanksgiving, and just get this bad taste out of our mouths." Brandon Graham

No one's saying the 2015 Eagles are good. They have just four wins and have been exasperatingly inconsistent. But no one really thought they were this bad either.

The Birds allowed five touchdown passes from rookie quarterback Jameis Winston, 283 rushing yards and 45 points to the now-5-5 Tampa Bay Buccaneers. And with several key Eagles nursing injuries like Sam Bradford, Ryan Mathews and Zach Ertz (who had a concussion Sunday), the three-day prep period before their next game is awful timing, isn't it?

Well, according to players looking to erase Sunday's nightmare from their memory, the quick turnaround couldn't come at a better time.

"I am so happy we've got the short week, I won't even lie," linebacker Brandon Graham said. "Now we can focus on the Lions."

The Eagles will hit the film room, and the practice field starting bright and early Monday at the NovaCare Complex. And on Wednesday, they will be touching down in Detroit for the Thursday afternoon game (12:30 p.m. on Fox).

"We are going to go back and watch the film and assess areas of correction," Eagles safety Walter Thurmond said. "We have to put that behind us and get ready for Detroit on a short week. We have to put that to bed and move on."

It will be key for the Eagles to get a win on Turkey Day. If they can't, they'll have New England waiting for them in Week 13 and a playoff spot all but squandered.

"We have a couple extra days then to get ready for the Patriots," Graham said. "And man, that's going to be a statement game too. If we can pull that one off we'll be heading in the right direction."

As professional athletes, the Eagles have to believe in themselves. If they don't, they might as well not even suit up. So even after a disastrous and embarrassing loss, the Birds remain positive and focused on winning.

"We aren't going to quit on each other," Graham said. "There's one way to go right now, it's up. The worst has happened to us. The crazy part is we still got a shot. There are six games left."

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Panthers 44, Redskins 16
Washington kept pace with Carolina for one quarter, and then watched as the Panthers reeled off 30 straight points before punter Brad Nortman intentionally took a safety with 16 seconds left. Cam Newton threw five touchdown passes.

Broncos 17, Bears 15
Brock Osweiler (20 of 27, 250 yards, 2 TD) got Denver a win on a rare day where all aspects of the Broncos offense were working. Ronnie Hillman had 102 yards rushing and C.J. Anderson chipped in with 59 more.

Lions 18, Raiders 13
Matthew Stafford (22 of 35, 282 yards) ran for a touchdown to give the Lions the lead in the fourth, and their second straight victory. For Oakland, it was their third straight defeat in what was once a promising season.

Texans 24, Jets 17
Back-to-back fourth-quarter drives ended in Ryan Fitzpatrick (19 of 39, 216 yards, 1TD, 2 INTs) interceptions, the second by Andre Hal in the end-zone with 1:52 left in the game. Alfred Blue caught a TD pass from Cecil Shorts, and DeAndre Hopkins caught two from T.J. Yates (16 of 34, 229 yards, 2 TDs).

Ravens 16, Rams 13
Joe Flacco (27 of 44, 299 yards, 1 TD, 2 INTs) suffered a torn ACL on the Ravens' final drive, but remained in the game and put the team in position for Justin Tucker to hit a 47-yard field goal as time expired, after uncharacteristically missing two earlier attempts.

Colts 24 Falcons 21
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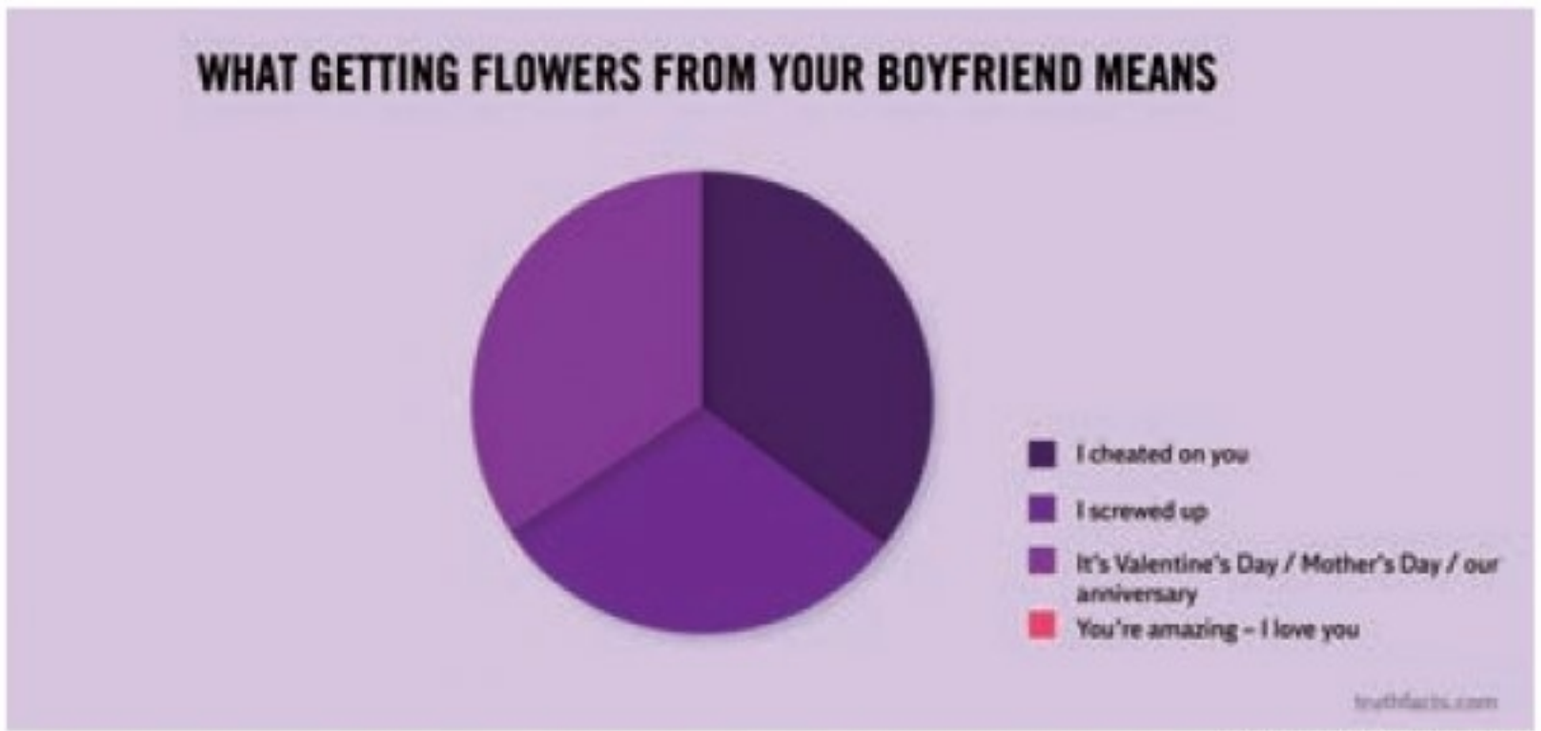
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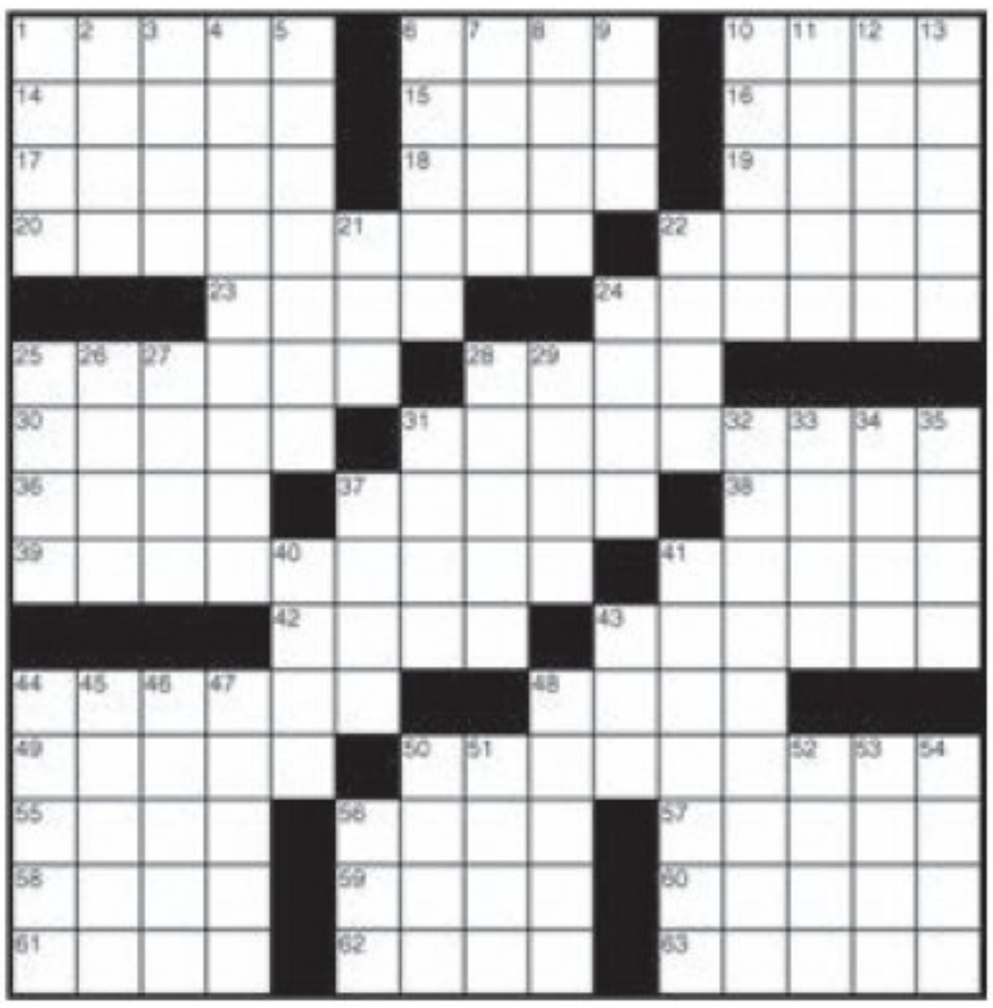

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Aries Financial gain is apparent. Assert your needs and wants without being overbearing. Tact and diplomacy will enable you to charm people.

Taurus Avoid lending and borrowing. Call in loans and pay off as many debts as you can to avoid being left in a compromising position.

Gemini Your innovative concepts will provide you with a new direction. Focus your efforts on what you enjoy to end up with a lucrative sideline.

Cancer Don't be content with just getting by with what you have. Educate yourself about topics that are relevant to your profession.

Leo You must be aware of what your competition is doing. It's apparent that someone is trying to undermine your credibility.

Virgo Unanticipated changes within the family will cause emotional distress. Do your best to avoid finding fault or placing blame on others.

Libra Be honest about your feelings and intentions. The time and effort you put into your personal relationships will be proof of your devotion.

Scorpio This is an opportune time to show others what you have to offer. Make the best of any opportunity you get to enhance your self-esteem.

Sagittarius Keep your plans to yourself if you don't want someone else to end up taking credit for your hard work. Someone will let you down.

Capricorn Stay in the background where you can get a better view. Careful timing will ensure that your work will reach a wide a audience.

Aquarius Love is in the stars. You may feel like splurging, but resist the urge to overspend or you will fall short when your monthly bills arrive.

Pisces Showcase your ideas to anyone who can help you move forward professionally. Trying to do everything will be disheartening. EUGENIA LAST

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